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<p>9. SUMMARY:</p> <p>1. Report forwards unofficial translation of Dominican Law No. 186 of 13 September 1967. Law 186 establishes a 6 mile limit for Dominican territorial waters, instead of the previous three mile limit; declares that the Bays of Manzanillo, Rincon, Samana, Yuma, Ocoa, Nayba, and Aguilas are internal waters over which the Dominican Republic will exercise complete sovereignty; establishes the "historical" Bays of Santo Domingo and Escocesa over which the Dominican Republic will exercise full sovereignty; establishes a "contiguous zone" extending toward the high sea six miles beyond the territorial waters; says that the Dominican Republic will exercise rights of sovereignty over its continental shelf in respect to exploration and exploitation of its natural resources; and declares that in general the Dominican Republic has a special interest in the maintenance and conservation of the resources of the sea in the Silver Banks and the Navidad Banks. The translation of Law No. 186 in this report was made from Secretariat of the Armed Forces General Order Number 112-1967, which reprinted Law No. 186 in full "for the knowledge of the members of the Armed Forces."</p>		
<p>1. The following is an unofficial translation of Dominican Law Number 186 of 13 September 1967:</p> <p>NUMBER: 186-</p> <p>Art. 1. - Establishes as territorial waters of the Dominican Republic, the zone of the sea adjacent to its coasts and to the coasts of the islands over which the Dominican Republic exercises sovereignty, measured from the low water line or from a perpendicular to the base lines depending on the case, extending six miles in the direction of the high sea.</p>		
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Art 2. - The Bays of Manzanillo, that part of the coast comprised between the axis of the mouth of the Rio Massaro o Dajabon and Punta Manzanillo; Rincon, between Cabo Cabron and Cabo Samana; Samana, between Cabo Samana and Cabo San Rafael; Yuma, between Punta Espada and Punta Aljibe; Anches, between Punta Magdalena and Punta Caucedo; Caucedo, between Punta Salinas and Punta Martin Garcia; Neyba, between Punta Martin Garcia and Punta Avarena; and Aguillas, between Cabo Falso and Cabo Rojo, correspond to the classic definition of a bay, consequently the waters that fall within the lines that connect the points that delimit them are internal waters and therefore subject to full state sovereignty.

Paragraph 1. - Establishes as historical bays, the Bays of Santo Domingo, that part of the coast comprised between Punta Palenque and Cabo Caucedo; and Escocesa, between Cabo Frances Viejo and Cabo Cabron. Consequently, the waters of these Bays which fall within the right angles formed by the points that determine them are internal waters and are subject to full national sovereignty.

Paragraph 2. - The territorial waters adjacent to the Bays of Santo Domingo, Escocesa and other Bays and portions of internal waters will be measured from perpendiculars to the base lines that connect the points that delimit them and in the direction toward the high sea.

Art 3. - Establishes a supplementary zone contiguous to the territorial waters called "Contiguous Zone", consisting of a zone of the sea based on the outer limit of the former and extending six nautical miles in the direction of the high sea.

Paragraph - In this contiguous zone the Dominican State will exercise the powers of jurisdiction and control necessary to prevent infractions against its laws of health, revenue, customs and protection and conservation of fish and other natural resources of the sea.

Art 4. - The delimitations and juridical regulations of the territorial waters and of the contiguous zone of the Bay of Manzanillo and its vicinities will be established by means of a treaty with the neighboring Republic of Haiti. Meanwhile, the Dominican Republic will follow the rules of international law of equity that have come to be observed in said Bay and its neighboring waters.

Art 5 - The delimitation of the territorial waters and the contiguous zone in the mouth of the Rio Pedernales will be done in agreement with the rules of international law.

Art 6 - The Dominican State declares that, in general, it has a special interest in maintaining the productivity of the resources of the sea in any part of the high sea adjacent to its territorial waters, and therefore reserves the right to participate, under equal conditions, in every organization of studies and in every system of investigation or regulation relative to the conservation of the mentioned resources in any of the zones of the high sea, even though its nationals have not and would not dedicate themselves to their exploitation.

Paragraph - Consequently, it is declared of national interest the conservation and maintenance of the productivity of the resources of the sea in the Silver Banks (Banco de la Plata) whose center is located at Latitude 20-32.5,N longitude 69-42W, and the Navidad Banks (el Banco de Navidad) whose center is located at latitude 20-01N, longitude 68-51W.

Art 7 - The Dominican State will exercise the rights of sovereignty over the continental shelf in respect to its exploration and the exploitation of its

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natural resources. Therefore, no one will be able to undertake the cited activities without the express consent of the Dominican State.

Paragraph - For the purpose of this article, the expression "continental shelf" means: a) the bed of the sea and the subsoil of the submarine zones adjacent to the coast but located outside of the zone of the territorial waters up to a depth of 200 meters or more from this limit, as far as where the depth of the overhead waters permit the exploitation of the natural resources of said zones; b) The bed of the sea and subsoil of similar submarine regions adjacent to the coasts of the islands under Dominican sovereignty.

Art 8 - The present law supercedes any other law or part of a law that may be to the contrary.

GIVEN in Santo Domingo de Guzman, National District, Capital of the Dominican Republic, on the thirteenth day of September 1967.

COMMENT: One reason for increasing the territorial waters limit from three to six miles and sealing off certain waters as bays or "historical" bays was probably to aid the Dominican Government--particularly the Navy--in anti-smuggling operations by extending the jurisdiction of authority.

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